



# Randall "Randy" Stroud

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**I**t is with a heavy heart we share that our beloved Randall “Randy” Stroud, age 65, of Grand Haven and formerly of Northville, passed away Sunday, October 26th, 2025. He was born on November 2nd, 1959, in Three Rivers, to Harley and Sandra (Hill) Stroud. Randy spent most of his youth in Muskegon.

On May 7th, 1994, he married Jane McLaren in Northville. Randy blessed their marriage with two of his biggest sources of pride and joy: his children, Janessa and Jason, from his previous marriage. Shortly thereafter, they were blessed with John and Zachary. Together, they built new traditions, shared adventures, and established a foundation of love and faith in God for each of them to flourish. Randy was in awe and amazement of each of his children’s individual talents, capacity to grow, and desire to be of service to their family, friends, and communities.

A proud U.S. Air Force veteran, Randy went on to earn a Marketing degree and certification as an Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Mechanic. Keeping with his passion, he carried on a successful career in Aviation for 30+ years. He started at Pentastar Aviation, a division of Chrysler, as an aircraft mechanic. Recognized for his strengths in communication, technical problem-solving, and building connections with everyone he met — from mechanics, customers to business executives — he grew into the VP of New Business Development. Following this, he shared his talents with Signature Flight Support/TechnicAir until his retirement.

Randy was very knowledgeable and talented in so many areas, especially working with his hands and fixing things. He shared these gifts as he forged loving bonds with his children, siblings, neighbors, coworkers, nieces and nephews, and even his children’s friends who quickly became part of his extended family. He always



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enjoyed helping anyone he got to know, and he got to know A LOT of people. He loved to share these talents, in service to others, whether it be through offering a helping hand, a humorous story, or a listening ear.

He was a “Michigan Man” at heart, who loved nature and the beauty of the lakes, the birds, and the fall colors that come with the changing of seasons. He cherished spending time with loved ones and his dogs (all generations of them), adventuring on the Grand River, voyaging to Lake Michigan, building famous bonfires, and sharing stories and belly laughs. He passes on his love for adventure, nature, and the water to his children and grandchildren.

Randy has left an imprint on countless people; his generous heart and spirit live on through Jane, his children, grandchildren, and all those he touched throughout his life. He always shared and lived by the mantra, “be Humble and Kind.” He challenged everyone around him to be a better person. He gave his family and friends enough love to face any trial. This warmth and love help guide us through his untimely passing.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Jane McLaren; four children: Janessa (Tim) Smit, Jason Stroud, John (Kathleen Felicelli) Stroud, Zachary Stroud; three grandchildren: Tenley and Tatum Smit and Elliott Stroud; brothers: Bradley (Nick) Stroud and Steven Stroud; stepsister, Cindy Lee; stepfather, Owen Hansen; sisters-in-law: Donna McLaren, Terry White, Charey Fox; and several nieces and nephews, cousins, and close friends. He is united in Heaven with his parents, Sandra Hansen, Harley, and Marjorie Stroud.

In keeping with his wishes, a Celebration of Randy’s Life will be hosted at their place on the Grand River in Grand Haven in the Spring of 2026. More details will be shared here. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Randy Stroud’s memory may be given to the [Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation](#) or the family want to have a tree planted in his honor and a park bench in his honor – coordinated through his wife, Jane McLaren.



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Randy shared a hundred stories a day, and we are missing those moments. To help fill that void, please take time to share your stories here for us to cherish.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at [Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services](#).



## Tribute Wall

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**Joseph M.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Randall.



December 10 at 3:34 PM



**Peter & Alexandra Godfrey** posted:

Many fond memories of Randy, Jane and the boys, Ben spent so many hours with the family and we would join them at the cottage, Randy always creating a fun experince for all..we moved away 10 yrs ago and hearing the news drags you right back to those precious times as your kids grow up.. thank you Randy... you,Il be missed my friend! Pete&Alex

November 23 at 9:56 AM



**Faith Smit** sent a virtual gift in honor of Randall.

Rick and I are so happy to have meet Randy when Tim and Janessa got married. Randy always liked to hug and I was one he always gave a hug to. We will miss you Randy and we will take good care of Janessa(and Tim will also). Janessa is loved very much and Randy you will be greatly missed. May the good LORD give you Jane, Janessa and your sons peace at this time of losing a loved one.



November 15 at 1:58 PM



**Nick Papadas** posted:

Randy was an incredible person who shared so much with so many. Gone too soon. RIP

November 13 at 7:14 PM



**Karin Ross** posted:

Randy will be greatly missed. I send my deepest condolences to the family and anyone that knew him. He was so witty, handy, and always seemed to look at the positive side of things.

November 13 at 10:23 AM



# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Randall by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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